

Request for Public Comment: Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act – de minimis Finding Rockville Intermodal Access: Baltimore Road Project

- Project Description:** The City of Rockville is proposing a roadway and roadside improvements project to improve accessibility and connectivity through the Baltimore Road corridor. The majority of the improvements will occur between the intersection of Norbeck and Baltimore roads and the city limits east of Rockville High School. The project includes installing curb and gutter, storm drain, sidewalks and shared-use paths; pavement resurfacing; stormwater management; stream stabilization; and landscaping.
- Request for Public Comment:** The Federal Highway Administration, in cooperation with the City of Rockville and the Maryland State Highway Administration, provides public notice of its proposal to make a de minimis impact finding under Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 USC 303), regarding the effects of the proposed Rockville Intermodal Access: Baltimore Road Project on Rockville Civic Center Park and Calvin Park, and provides the opportunity for public review and comment of this proposed determination.
- Impacts to Section 4(f) Resources:** With respect to publicly owned parks and recreational areas, a finding of de minimis impact may occur if a transportation project does not “adversely affect the activities, features, and attributes” of the Section 4(f) resource.
- There will be temporary impacts to the parks during construction. Use of, and access to, the parks will be maintained.
- Rockville Civic Center Park is located along the north side of Baltimore Road, at 603 Edmonston Drive. Impacts to the park include sliver takes of lawn along the roadway, totaling less than 0.1 acres, for roadway improvements. Recreational facilities in the park will not be affected.
- Calvin Park is located along the south side of Baltimore Road, at 1248 Gladstone Drive. Impacts to Calvin Park include acquisition of 0.55 acre of vegetated land adjacent to Baltimore



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Road for grading and establishment of right of way for the roadway and shared-use path. The narrow pedestrian bridge will be removed and replaced with a culvert and an at-grade crossing. As part of the culvert replacement, the stream area around the culvert end section will be stabilized. Portions of the split rail fence between the culvert and Broadwood Road will be replaced, as will portions of the path, in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. During periods of construction, the path will be closed. Signs will mark a temporary pedestrian detour that will use sidewalks along Gladstone Drive, Calvin Lane, Dean Drive, and Broadwood Road.

Contact:

There will be a comment period that closes 15 days from the date of this advisory. To comment on the proposed de minimis determination for the public parks, please contact:

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